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| Serial No.<br>09/423,863                                                               | Filing Date<br>February 8, 2000 | Examiner<br>Bao Q. Li | Group Art Unit<br>1648 |
| Inventor(s)<br>Frederic Donie, et al.                                                  |                                 |                       |                        |
| Title of Invention<br>METHOD FOR DETECTING OF HIV ANTIBODIES AND ANTIGENS USED THEREIN |                                 |                       |                        |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, \$102 Check, Sequence Listing, Diskette Containing Sequence Listing, Sequence Listing Statement, Postcard Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$102 to cover the filing fee and surcharge is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

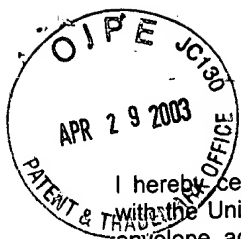
  
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| In re Application of:<br><br>Donie, Frederic, <i>et al.</i><br><br>Serial No.: 09/423,863<br><br>For: METHOD FOR DETECTING OF HIV<br>ANTIBODIES AND ANTIGENS USED THEREIN | Attention: Manager,<br>Application Branch |
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**STATEMENT ACCORDING TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)**

**BOX SEQUENCE LISTING**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a sequence listing as part of the above-captioned patent application. Applicants' representative states that the content of the attached paper copy and the attached computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

Applicants' representative hereby verifies that the information on the accompanying diskette is identical to the written sequence listing. The enclosed sequence listing does not include any new matter that goes beyond the disclosure in the captioned application as filed.

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